

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
NORTHERN DIVISION

HUDSON LYNN EDGET

vs. Civil Action No. 3:14cv548-DPJ-FKB

MTC, ET AL

**TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING**

BEFORE THE HONORABLE F. KEITH BALL  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

December 18, 2014  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

APPEARANCES:

FOR THE PLAINTIFF: MR. HUDSON LYNN EDGET, PRO SE

FOR THE DEFENDANTS: MR. STEVEN JAMES GRIFFIN

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**EXHIBIT "A"**

1 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to go ahead and get  
2 started. The court calls Hudson Lynn -- is it Edget?

3 THE PLAINTIFF: Edget, but it's spelled with two Ts,  
4 but they left one off.

5 THE COURT: All right. This is Cause No. 3:14cv548.  
6 Mr. Edget, if you will raise your right hand, please, sir?

7 **HUDSON LYNN EDGET,**  
8 having first been duly sworn, testified as follows:

9 THE COURT: All right. Will you state your full name  
10 for the record?

11 THE PLAINTIFF: Hudson Lynn Edget, sir.

12 THE COURT: All right. I will now have defense  
13 counsel identify himself for the record as well as the  
14 defendants on whose behalf you're appearing.

15 MR. GRIFFIN: Your Honor, Steven Griffin here on  
16 behalf of Management & Training Corporation, M. Pulliam, which  
17 I think is identified as Sergeant Pulliams in the complaint,  
18 and Defendant A. Battle.

19 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to -- well, let me  
20 go ahead and start with the preliminary things. Mr. Edget, my  
21 name is Keith Ball. I'm a United States Magistrate Judge.  
22 There is also a United States District Judge assigned to the  
23 case, and that's Judge Dan Jordan. Your case falls under the  
24 Prison Litigation Reform Act, and one of the things that I must  
25 do in these kinds of cases is to screen the complaint to see

1 whether you have stated a claim upon which relief can be  
2 granted. Stated differently, it means I'm looking at the facts  
3 that you have alleged in your complaint and the claims that you  
4 have made and I will look at the law. And what we've got to do  
5 in screening the complaint is apply the law to your facts and  
6 see whether you have stated a claim that can go forward in this  
7 court. Do you understand?

8 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Edget, I just want to note  
10 that you have been shaking since you have been here. You're  
11 moving your knee up and down, and your arms are shaking. Are  
12 you in a physical condition that you can proceed in this  
13 hearing today?

14 THE PLAINTIFF: Yeah, I guess so, but they did put  
15 shots on me while I was back at the room.

16 THE COURT: All right. I'm sorry. I couldn't  
17 understand what you said. Would you repeat that, please?

18 THE PLAINTIFF: They have been forcing Haldol shots on  
19 me ever since I have been at that facility. That medication  
20 messes my system up like that.

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 THE PLAINTIFF: They raped me, too, over there.

23 THE COURT: All right. That's what we're going to  
24 talk about. But do you -- have you had any particular  
25 psychiatric diagnosis? Has any doctor diagnosed you with a

1 particular psychiatric condition?

2 THE PLAINTIFF: They said I'm a paranoid  
3 schizophrenic, but I ain't got nothing but attempted burglary  
4 charge. I just knocked on my neighbor's window, and they gave  
5 me 25 years for that.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Other than being diagnosed as a  
7 paranoid schizophrenic or being diagnosed with paranoid  
8 schizophrenia, are there any other diagnoses that you have  
9 received that you're aware of?

10 THE PLAINTIFF: No, sir, other than hearing voices.

11 THE COURT: Other than what?

12 THE PLAINTIFF: Hearing voices.

13 THE COURT: Hearing voices? Okay. All right. There  
14 is a procedural issue that I need to address with you. I told  
15 you that I'm assigned as the magistrate judge and Judge Jordan  
16 is assigned as the district judge. You can consent to  
17 magistrate judge jurisdiction. What that means is you could  
18 just agree that I would be the only judge on the case. Right  
19 now you have two, but you can agree for me to just be the only  
20 judge.

21 If you were to do that, I would apply the same law  
22 that Judge Jordan would. I would apply the same rules of  
23 evidence, same rules of procedure. And if you disagreed with  
24 any decision that I made, then you could appeal my decision to  
25 the appellate court just like you could appeal a district

1 judge's decision.

2 THE PLAINTIFF: Uh-huh.

3 THE COURT: Also, Judge Jordan has cases set for trial  
4 every month. I do not. I may be able to get to your case a  
5 little bit quicker. It's totally your decision. It's not  
6 going to make any difference to me or Judge Jordan whether you  
7 consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction or don't. But your  
8 case may move a little quicker if you do consent. Do you want  
9 to consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction?

10 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: All right. The only way that we can do  
12 that is for all parties to consent. I ask now first of all for  
13 defense counsel to identify himself for the record. You have  
14 already done that and the defendants on whose behalf you're  
15 appearing. Do defendants consent to magistrate judge  
16 jurisdiction?

17 MR. GRIFFIN: We also consent, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: All right. We have a written form for  
19 that. If y'all will just sign that where indicated, we will  
20 move on from there.

21 (SHORT PAUSE)

22 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Edget, I know that you  
23 have filed this complaint alleging that certain guards at East  
24 Mississippi Correctional Facility had raped you. Why don't you  
25 tell me exactly what the date to the best of your knowledge is.

1 THE PLAINTIFF: March 7, 2024. 2014, I mean.

2 THE COURT: Tell the court what happened.

3 THE PLAINTIFF: They held me down on the floor and  
4 they raped me at 4:30 in the evening time.

5 THE COURT: You're saying in the middle of the night  
6 or late in the day?

7 THE PLAINTIFF: It was in the day.

8 THE COURT: 4:30 p.m.?

9 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: Okay. And what happened?

11 THE PLAINTIFF: They held me down and took turns  
12 raping me.

13 THE COURT: They held you down what?

14 THE PLAINTIFF: On the floor. On the floor of my  
15 cell. And they raped me.

16 THE COURT: Okay. And specifically --

17 THE PLAINTIFF: Sexual assault.

18 THE COURT: And specifically what are you saying they  
19 did?

20 THE PLAINTIFF: They held me down and sexually  
21 assaulted -- they raped me.

22 THE COURT: And you've alleged that Sergeant Pulliam,  
23 Officer Johnson, Officer Battle and Officer Scott were all  
24 involved in that?

25 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, sir.

1 THE COURT: Who specifically -- who held you down and  
2 who raped you?

3 THE PLAINTIFF: All of them held me down.

4 THE COURT: Sir? I couldn't understand what you said.  
5 Would you repeat that?

6 THE PLAINTIFF: All four of them officers did.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Are you saying all four of them  
8 took turns raping you?

9 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Is there anything else,  
11 any other -- I have got to determine whether you have stated a  
12 claim that can go further in this court, so I need you to --  
13 this is your opportunity to tell me exactly what happened. Do  
14 you have anything else to tell me as far as what exactly  
15 happened?

16 THE PLAINTIFF: Well, they didn't give me no medical  
17 treatment for it when it happened.

18 THE COURT: All right. You're saying they didn't give  
19 you any medical treatment after it happened?

20 THE PLAINTIFF: I was in a one-man cell. I didn't  
21 have no witness.

22 THE COURT: All right. And how long do you say this  
23 lasted?

24 THE PLAINTIFF: I think it -- I don't know. It lasted  
25 about 30 minutes to an hour, I guess.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 THE PLAINTIFF: They had it black in there.

3 THE COURT: They what?

4 THE PLAINTIFF: They had it black in my cell.

5 THE COURT: They had it black in your cell?

6 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: Okay. All right. You're suing M.T.C.

8 Why are you suing M.T.C.?

9 THE PLAINTIFF: I was suing M.D.O.C. because they the  
10 ones sent me down there. Whoever the judge was, they sent me a  
11 note saying that M.T.C. would be the cause for that.

12 THE COURT: All right. And you're suing all of these  
13 individual defendants because you're just saying all of them  
14 together raped you?

15 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Okay. I must advise you that Officer  
17 Johnson and Officer Scott have not yet been served with the  
18 summons and a copy of the complaint. Mr. Griffin, do you know  
19 who he is referring to on Officer Johnson or Officer Scott?

20 MR. GRIFFIN: Your Honor, those two employees are no  
21 longer employed by M.T.C. and are not at East Mississippi.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Can you provide -- the court is  
23 ordering that you provide the last known address for each of  
24 those, both of those defendants, and the court will attempt  
25 process.



1 Mr. Edget, what the court will attempt to do is serve  
2 process on those two defendants at their last known address.

3 THE PLAINTIFF: Uh-huh.

4 THE COURT: But if they can't be found at their last  
5 known address, then the responsibility will fall back to you to  
6 get them served with process. Do you understand? Do you  
7 understand?

8 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Mr. Griffin, do you  
10 have any questions of the plaintiff?

11 MR. GRIFFIN: I think I have a couple, Your Honor.

12 BY MR. GRIFFIN:

13 Q Mr. Edget, when this incident occurred, what started this  
14 incident? How did it start?

15 A They started playing with my food, and when I went to  
16 complaining about that, they just did that and they came in  
17 there and showed me that they can do it and get away with it.

18 Q They were playing with your food?

19 A Yeah, putting poison on my food.

20 Q Poison on it?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Okay. And did they just open the door to your cell?

23 A Yeah, they called the doorman and opened the door.

24 Q You were in a one-man cell which there's a tray slot for  
25 your food to be passed through?

1 A Uh-huh.

2 Q Is that yes?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q Okay. And when they opened the door, what happened?

5 A They threwed a coat over my head and forced me down to the  
6 floor and they raped me.

7 Q They throwed a coat over your head?

8 A Yeah. And ain't nothing they done about it yet. They  
9 still serving me trays, putting stuff on them. I done lost a  
10 hundred pounds in there already. It ain't been but about a  
11 year.

12 Q Okay. And were all four of them there at the same time  
13 when the doors opened?

14 A Huh?

15 Q Were all four of the officers there when the door was  
16 opened?

17 A Yeah, all four of the officers was there. They were  
18 outside.

19 Q I didn't hear the last part. I'm sorry.

20 A All four of the officers were there. That's when I saw  
21 their face.

22 Q Okay. And what does Officer Johnson look like?

23 A He brown-skinned and brown-eyed. He like to wear a bald  
24 head. I ain't saw him in a while, though. I ain't saw him in  
25 about three months.

1 Q What about Officer Scott?

2 A He darked-skinned and wears glasses. About 6-foot. I  
3 don't know if he still works there. I ain't seen him working  
4 over there in a while.

5 Q Okay. And when they came in your cell and put the coat  
6 over your head --

7 A What about Sergeant Pulliam? I be seeing him every day.  
8 Ain't nobody pressed charges or nothing on him. Ain't picked  
9 him up or nothing.

10 Q Okay. When they put the coat over your head like you said,  
11 what did you do at that point?

12 A I couldn't do nothing. Four of them got my arms and legs.

13 Q You didn't fight back or anything?

14 A No, I didn't try to fight back. That's an assault charge.  
15 You going to assault an officer? I place charges on him,  
16 they --

17 Q Are you saying that as these officers were raping you, you  
18 didn't attempt to fight back or stop that?

19 A No. I just wanted to press charges on them, show them what  
20 it's like in jail. I don't need to be around nobody doing no  
21 stuff like that.

22 Q Okay.

23 MR. GRIFFIN: Your Honor, I don't have any more  
24 questions at this time.

25 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Edget, thank you very

1 much. We've done what we need to do in our hearing today, and  
2 this matter is adjourned other than did the defendant bring any  
3 documents to be produced today?

4 MR. GRIFFIN: I did, Your Honor. I brought the  
5 defendant's preliminary witness and exhibit list as well as  
6 Mr. Edget's drilldown detail and investigation files regarding  
7 this particular incident.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 MR. GRIFFIN: As well as ARP files regarding the  
10 incident.

11 THE COURT: All right. Do you have an extra copy for  
12 the court today?

13 MR. GRIFFIN: I do.

14 THE COURT: All right. Let the record reflect that  
15 defense counsel is providing those documents to the plaintiff  
16 at this time as well as to the court.

17 (DOCUMENTS TENDERED TO COURT)

18 THE PLAINTIFF: I brought my exhibit list and my --

19 THE COURT: Witness list?

20 THE PLAINTIFF: Witness list.

21 THE COURT: All right. We will accept that as well at  
22 this time.

23 THE PLAINTIFF: What about the medical form?

24 THE COURT: What about a medical form?

25 THE PLAINTIFF: They denied me medical treatment.

1 THE COURT: Okay. And what's your question?

2 THE PLAINTIFF: I said to put that to go along with  
3 it.

4 THE COURT: All we need today is your witness list and  
5 your exhibit list. And he is providing that at this time. All  
6 right. Thank you very much, and this matter is adjourned.  
7 Thank you, Mr. Edget.

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